

Ante, p. 366.

Contract obligations,
Public Law 422, 77th Congress.

(Public Law Numbered 139, Seventy-seventh Congress), and reading as follows: "*Provided further*, That no obligations shall be incurred for or on account of objects appropriated for under this head to the Military Establishment except in pursuance of specific appropriations." is hereby amended to read as follows: "*Provided further*, That with respect to the \$500,000,000 provided by this Act which is not for payments under the aforesaid contract authorizations, no obligations shall be incurred for or on account of the objects specified under this head except in pursuance of said specific appropriation."

Approved, July 16, 1941.

[CHAPTER 304]

AN ACT

Providing for the rank of officers ordered to perform special or unusual duty, and of commanders of special naval units afloat.

July 17, 1941
[H. R. 4823]
[Public Law 180]

Navy.
Officers performing special duty.

Number.

Rank, pay, etc.
Application of provisions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in addition to those officers who may be serving in the grade of vice admiral by virtue of the provisions of section 18 of the Act of May 22, 1917 (40 Stat. 89; U. S. C., title 34, sec. 212), naval officers, not to exceed a total of nine at any one time, designated by the President to perform special or unusual duty, or to command naval units afloat organized for the purpose of performing a special or unusual mission may, within the discretion of the President, have the rank, pay, and all allowances of a vice admiral while so serving. In time of war or national emergency the provisions of this Act shall be applicable only to officers on the active list of the rank or grade of captain and above. At all other times the said provisions shall apply only to officers of the rank or grade of rear admiral.

Approved, July 17, 1941.

[CHAPTER 305]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting the President to proclaim February 11, 1942, as Edison Day, in commemoration of the birthday of Thomas Alva Edison.

July 17, 1941
[H. J. Res. 63]
[Public Law 181]

Thomas Alva Edison Day.
Proclamation authorized.
7 F. R. 685.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating February 11, 1942, as Thomas Alva Edison Day and calling upon officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on said date and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies.

Approved, July 17, 1941.

[CHAPTER 307]

AN ACT

To grant pension for disability or death resulting from service in the United States Coast Guard before July 2, 1930, and for other purposes.

July 18, 1941
[H. R. 1094]
[Public Law 182]

Coast Guard.
Extension of pension laws to.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the laws administered by the Veterans' Administration granting pension and other benefits to veterans and their dependents are hereby extended to the officers and enlisted men of the United States Coast Guard and their dependents for disability resulting from personal injury or disease contracted in line of duty, or

for aggravation of a preexisting injury or disease contracted or suffered in line of duty, when such disability was incurred in or aggravated by active service in the United States Coast Guard on or after January 28, 1915, and before July 2, 1930, and for death resulting from such injury or disease, under the same regulations and restrictions as provided by law for officers and enlisted men of the United States Coast Guard who incurred disability in line of duty on and after July 2, 1930, or who died as the result of such disability.

SEC. 2. The administrative, penal, and forfeiture provisions governing the granting of benefits, including accrued pension, under Public Law Numbered 2, Seventy-third Congress, approved March 20, 1933, as amended, and the Veterans Regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended, are hereby made applicable to the benefits granted under this Act: *Provided*, That in no event shall the benefits herein provided be awarded for any period prior to the date of enactment of this Act and the date of commencement of pension granted hereunder shall be from the date of filing application in the Veterans' Administration under such regulations as the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs may prescribe.

SEC. 3. This Act shall not be construed to reduce any pension or compensation under any Act, public or private.

Approved, July 18, 1941.

Applicability of existing law.

48 Stat. 8.
38 U. S. C. ch. 12.

Proviso.

Limitation.

[CHAPTER 308]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of June 25, 1938, extending the classified civil service to include postmasters of the first, second, and third classes, and for other purposes.

July 18, 1941
[H. R. 1618]
[Public Law 183]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of of the Act approved June 25, 1938 (52 Stat. 1076), is amended by changing the period to a colon and adding thereto the following: "*Provided*, That residence within the delivery of the post office or within the city or town where the same is situated shall be essential to the examination, appointment, reappointment, or promotion of applicants for postmaster at offices unless the Civil Service Commission finds that peculiar local conditions preclude or render impossible the application of such requirements. In such cases the Commission may examine and certify for appointment, reappointment, or promotion persons who reside in such area adjacent to, or surrounding, the delivery zone of the post office as may be fixed by the Civil Service Commission."

Postal Service.
39 U. S. C. § 31b.

Residence requirements for certain postmasters.

Approved, July 18, 1941.

[CHAPTER 309]

AN ACT

To amend the Tennessee Valley Authority Act, as amended, by striking therefrom subsection (k) of section 4 and substituting therefor a new subsection (k).

July 18, 1941
[H. R. 2097]
[Public Law 184]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Tennessee Valley Authority Act, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Tennessee Valley Authority Act, amendment.

By striking therefrom subsection (k) of section 4 and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (k), to read as follows:

49 Stat. 1076.
16 U. S. C. § 831a (k).

"(k) Shall have power in the name of the United States—

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"(a) to convey by deed, lease, or otherwise, any real property in the possession of or under the control of the Corporation to